

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 33 (Sub-No. 293X)

February 1, 2011

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

(X) Notice of Exemption () Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

(X) **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on January 14, 2011 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended two environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, OEA recommends that the following conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) shall comply with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' reasonable requirements regarding bridge removal if UP removes the bridge on the Line as part of the proposed abandonment.
2. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, Union Pacific Railroad Company shall consult with the Land and Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF) program to determine if any potential conflicts exist with Section 6(f)(3) of the L&WCF Act and shall comply with the L&WCF program's reasonable requirements.

If the above conditions are imposed, OEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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